(c) Yes. Final orders on the question of remission were passed only later on.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes. This increase in work is unavoidable.

(h) The amount collected in excess will be treated as an excess collection to be adjusted towards the amount that may be due from the parties either in the current or in coming year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With regard to question (a) would not the answer 'No' be more appropriate instead of 'Yes'?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The order sanctioning the reduction 18¾ per cent was passed in Vrischigam 1109. The order could not be issued earlier because Government orders sanctioning 12½ per cent came only later.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So, the order for the reduction of the 12½ per cent was issued only in Vrischigam.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—The Government orders came on the 15th Vrischigam and the instructions to the subordinates came next after that.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Have deductions been made subsequently?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The whole deduction for Viruppu crop is given in Dhanu.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With regard to the parambas has deduction begun to be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Deduction in collections made in Thulam and Vrischigam will be treated as excess collection.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is the practice uniform in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It has now become uniform.

Agriculture Loans—distribution.

79. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 47 and supplemental questions answered on 31st July 1933, will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) whether the Government have considered the matter of fairly dividing first among the taluks the whole amount sanctioned or earmarked annually for agricultural loans and then dividing the amounts among the deserving applicants in each taluk; and if so,

(b) whether the above principle will be followed hereafter; and if not,

(c) what other principle will be followed by the Government for having a fair and equitable distribution of the total loan amount for the year between the different taluks,

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(d) the amount of agricultural loans given in 1103; and
(e) how much of this amount is given in each taluk?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes; but the Government do not think it desirable to make an initial distribution of the entire available allotment among the several taluks.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) The principle in view is to provide for grant of loans to those applicants who may be found eligible for such grants whether the applications are presented to the Diwan Peishkar or to the Tahsildar and to whichever taluks the applicants may belong.

(d) Rs. 18,125—0—0.

(e)

Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	Rs.	3,625.
Mukundapuram	,,	7,700.
Trichur	,,	1,800.
Talappalli	,,	1,000.
Chittur	,,	3,000.
Cranganur	,,	1,000.
Total	Rs.	18,125.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the reason for the comparatively small amount that is being distributed in the Talappalli and Cranganur Taluks as agricultural loan?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It must have been due to many things—comparatively less number of applications and comparatively less number of satisfactory applications. I am not able to give you all the causes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The same answer was given last time. When it was brought to the notice of the Government it was said that Government will see that the applications from these Taluks would be specially considered. Will the Government be pleased to give an assurance in regard to this matter, since this has come up a second time?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I can assure the Hon'ble Member that equal treatment will be given to Talappalli and other Taluks if bona fide applications are received.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the number of applications received from each Taluk?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—(c) Is there any principle of priority observed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Each application is dealt with as it comes. No priority is observed.

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Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know the amount that is available this year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Rs. 20,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any machinery to see whether the loans have been utilised for the purpose for which they were given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—After it is given we hold enquiries.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Government give the amount in a lump sum or in instalments to petitioners?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is generally given in instalments. But in exceptional cases it is sometimes given in a lump sum.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Government know that Rs. 3,000 given to a person in Chittur has not been utilised for the purpose?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do such instances come to the notice of the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No definite instances have come to my notice since I came to office.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether there is any limit in granting these loans?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There is no limit.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it the policy of the Government to distribute this amount equally among the different Taluks?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No such policy.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Government have relaxed the rules regarding the taking of security?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the officers distributing the amounts belong to those Taluks where they have distributed more amounts?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Parvathiams and Menons—allowances.

80. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) which Parvathiams and Menons are given allowances and why;

(b) whether they give allowances to any other officers in those localities;

(c) what is the nature of the allowances of each group?

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